AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (New) A method for producing a packaging web comprising:

(a) providing a thermoplastic laminate in a continuous web;

(b) providing a metal foil in a continuous web;

(c) passing the thermoplastic laminate and the foil concurrently through the nip between a first pair of rollers, the rollers being arranged to compress the thermoplastic laminate and the foil together while applying heat to the foil and the thermoplastic laminate to form a foil laminate;

(d) conducting the foil laminate to a second pair of rollers;

(e) providing a core web of paper or cardboard;

(f) conducting the web of paper or cardboard to the second pair of rollers, the core web having at least one hole therein;

(g) extruding thermoplastic adhesive between the foil laminate and the core web of paper or cardboard while the foil laminate and the core web pass through the nip between the second pair of rollers; and

(h) cooling the foil laminate as it passes through the nip between the second pair of rollers, whereby the foil is applied to the core web uniformly and without wrinkles or creases or tears in the foil at the edge of the holes and wherever the core web and foil are laminated together.

7. (New) The method according to claim 6, wherein the thermoplastic laminate comprises coextruded layers of EAA and LDPE.

8. (New) The method according to claim 6, wherein the foil passes over and in engagement with one of the rollers of the first pair of rollers, said one roller being heated, and the other roller being cooler than said one roller.

9. (New) The method according to claim 8 wherein the thermoplastic laminate comprises coextruded layers of EAA and LDPE and the thermoplastic laminate passes over the other roller.

10. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein the one roller is heated to a temperature of between 150°C and 200°C.

11. (New) The method according to claim 6, wherein the foil laminate passes over a bending roller between the first pair of rollers and the second pair of rollers, thereby applying tension in the foil laminate.

12. (New) A method for producing a packaging laminate having a paper web with holes for inserting opening devices, comprising:

(a) providing a first pair of rollers and a second pair of rollers;

(b) prefabricating a continuous laminate having thermoplastic layers;

(c) providing a continuous web of foil;

(d) one of the rollers of the first pair of rollers being heated, and the other roller of the first pair of rollers being maintained at a lower temperature than said one roller;

(e) passing the prefabricated thermoplastic laminate and the foil laminate concurrently through the nips between the first pair of rollers to bond the foil web to the prefabricated thermoplastic layer and thereby form a foil laminate;

(f) advancing the foil laminate from the first pair of rollers to the second pair of rollers;

(g) conducting the paper web and the foil laminate together into the nip between the rollers of the second pair of rollers;

(h) extruding a thermoplastic adhesive between the paper web and the foil laminate as the paper web and foil laminate pass through the nip between the second pair of rollers; and

(i) cooling the laminate formed be the paper web and the foil laminate to form a packaging laminate.

13. (New) The process according to claim 12 including applying tension in the foil laminate between the first pair of rollers and the second pair of rollers.

14. (New) The process according to claim 13 including passing the foil laminate over a breaking roll.

15. (New) The process according to claim 12 wherein the prefabricated laminate comprises EAA and LDPE and wherein the EAA layer is bonded directly to the foil.

16. (New) The process according to claim 12 wherein the foil has a thickness of about 5 to 10 micrometers.